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Mayor looking to bond major projects over five years

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

MAY 15, 2014

AGAWAM – The five-year Capital Improvement Program for the town will be presented to the Agawam City Council on June 2.

The list of projects includes all different facets of town needs, including infrastructure, building improvements and park improve-

ments. The council will hold a public hearing for input on the plan that evening.

Mayor Richard Cohen has prepared the improvement program for the council's approval; it includes less than \$800,000 in general fund appropriations in fiscal year 2015. There are three larger items included in the plan. There is \$297,000 in purchases for new DPW equipment. The report seeks the replace-

ment of three vehicles. Items being sought are a dump/sander/plow truck, a Ford F-250 work truck with a plow and an asphalt roller.

The street improvement program is a yearly expense and \$160,000 in funding from the general fund will be combined with Chapter 90 highway funding provided by the state to meet the needs of construction, reconstruction, widening and resurfacing of roads. Funds will also be

utilized to fix drainage structures and systems such as catch basins.

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Softball 12

An appropriation of \$150,000 is being sought to purchase a new filtration system for the pool at Agawam Junior High School. The pool is utilized by the public and numerous local swim teams. It is also used by the high school team as their home pool.

Cohen is going to see projects to be bonded totaling near \$8 mil-

lion. The largest item on the list is the high school track replacements, athletic field renovations and locker room renovations. The total cost of the project on the report is \$6.5 million. Cohen projects the first year of debt service to be about \$650,000. The mayor also wants to bond road improvements for Pine Street and drainage improvements to Suffield Street.

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State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, left, and state Sen. Donald Humason, right, present official citations to Roger Jones and Beverly Tetrault, past president and president, respectively, of the Agawam Lions Club, in recognition of the club's 70th anniversary.

Bond rating increase could net debt savings

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The town's bond rating has been increased from AA to AA+ and it will immediately result in savings to the taxpayers, Mayor Richard Cohen said Monday.

Cohen and City Treasurer/Collector Laurel Placek gave an inside look into what the bond rating increase means for the town and the projects it bonds out.

"We are extremely pleased that our bond rating has been increased," said Cohen. "It speaks well of this town's fiscal responsibility. It also validates the work of the town's finance team."

Cohen praised his financial team, including Placek for making responsible decisions about bonding projects and smart budgeting decisions. Items like free cash and stabilization funds are among the criteria that can affect a town's bond rating. Agawam has healthy budgets in both areas.

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Study, redesign of Feeding Hills center could improve traffic flow

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The town will finally be using state funds to conduct a study of the Feeding Hills center intersection and will be continuing to fight for the future of the Route 57 extension project.

Mayor Richard Cohen reported last week that Milone and MacBroom, the same design firm being used to facilitate the high school track and athletic field renovations, was awarded a bid to do study and design work for the busy intersection, which connects four roads: North Westfield Street, South Westfield Street, Southwick Street and Springfield Street.

Cohen says with traffic coming from the end of the highway por-



tion of Route 57, traffic is still very heavy at the intersection, which serves as a gateway to Westfield to the north and Southwick to the west. The intersection needs widening and dedicated turn signals added among the needed improvements. Making left-hand turns from the east and westbound streets to the north or southbound streets is very difficult without leftturn arrows. Traffic heading westbound from Springfield Street also can get backed up as far as Stop & Shop and Agawam Junior High School.

Cohen says Milone and MacBroom has already begun working on the design and has interviewed business owners in the area as well as school officials from the Granger School, which is located in the southeast corner of the intersection.

Cohen says the Massachusetts
Department of Transportation

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Car dealer driving to raise \$8K for cancer Relay

By Mike Lydick Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – More than 400 people will be at this weekend's Relay For Life of Agawam. Most will take turns walking or running around the Agawam High School sports track for 16 hours to help fight cancer. They can also help fight cancer by taking a 10-minute test drive.

Sarat Ford Lincoln in Agawam is holding a special test-drive fundraising event at the Relay from 3 p.m. to midnight this Friday, May 16. For every test drive taken, Lincoln will donate \$20 to Relay For Life through a program known as "Driven to Give." Launched in 2013, the campaign helps Lincoln dealers raise money for local community groups and nonprofit organizations.

"Every person who takes the wheel of a 2014 Lincoln for a test

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Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

Jeff Sarat, general manager of Sarat Ford Lincoln in Agawam, hands the keys to a new 2014 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid to Janine Iacolo, chair of the Relay For Life of Agawam. Sarat provided the car for Iacolo to drive to promote the Relay and Driven to Give – a fundraising program in which Lincoln donates \$20 to the Relay for a test drive of one of its models.

Birds of prey to visit Thomas Smith House

The Agawam Historical Association will present Tom Ricardi and his birds of prey program Saturday, May 17, at the historic Thomas Smith House located at 251 North West St., Feeding Hills from 1-3 p.m. Ricardi has been a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for over 30 years.

Among the birds he may bring are owls, hawks, eagles and falcons. The public is invited to bring a lawn chair and enjoy this educational and entertaining event. In the event of rain, the program will be cancelled, but the house will remain open for tours.

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Wildlife rehabilitator Tom Ricardi is pictured with a redtail hawk.



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Music Matters Children's Festival slated for Saturday

By Sarah Platanitis

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Benjamin J. Phelps and Robinson Park elementary schools will present the Music Matters Children's Festival and family picnic fundraiser this Saturday, May 17.

"This is the first year for the event, and we hope it will be impactful on the students. I've been wanting to do a festival like this for a while, and preparing for it has been very important for the students," said Paul Sawyer, Agawam elementary schools music teacher.

Sawyer took over as the music teacher for both Phelps and Robinson schools last year. He is also in his second year as the assistant band director for Agawam High School.

"It's important for both schools to come together since (the students) will be at the middle school together. They're also part of the community, and working together for something fun like a music event creates teamwork as well as learning," said Sawyer, a long-time Agawam resident and 2000 graduate of AHS.

Sawyer hopes the event will inspire the 800 children of the elementary schools to excel and become excellent in the arts. During the festival, students will sing and dance in choruses with a live professional band of

musicians for listeners to enjoy

"Music gets more challenging as they get older. The live band of musicians will forge a lasting memory and a model of what can be achieved if they practice," said Sawyer.

Sawyer will direct the student choirs and play guitar along with the quintet that features two student teachers. It has taken students two months to prepare for the event since they only have music for 30 minutes each week.

"I've also written special songs for them, ones with social meanings that relate to kids; simple topics like being a good friend. They will also be singing folk songs," said Sawyer.

Kindergarten will perform first, followed by grades 2, 3 and 4. After the student performances will be the cover band, Beatles for Sale.

"Their authentic re-enactment of The Beatles personas makes for a memorable performance for the whole family. There will also be free games for kids to play, face painting, a display of the Agawam Fire Department's finest truck and the Moo-licious Ice Cream truck will also be onsite selling ice cream," said Sawyer.

This event is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council, Valenti's Pizza, Nicky's

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Elementary school music teacher Paul Sawyer helps Phelps first-graders prepare for the Music Matters Children's Festival slated for this Saturday, May 17.



(includes all field trips, breakfast, lunch, and T-shirt)

Pre-Camp: 6:30am-9:00am

\$135 per week

Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm Post-Camp: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Friendship Week: 6/30 - 7/3 (closed July 4th)
Survivor Week: 7/7 - 7/11
Sports Week: 7/14 - 7/18
Wet N' Wild Week: 7/21 - 7/25
Color Wars Week: 7/28 - 8/1
Spirit Week: 8/4 - 8/8
Carnival Week: 8/11 - 8/15
Challenge Week: 8/18 - 8/22

\$50 non-refundable or transferable per week/per child Summer Camp at the Club provides a safe and fun recreational environment that is designed to provide kids with an outdoor program experience.

Over the course of the summer, campers will have opportunities to participate in fun activities such as sports, swimming, arts & crafts, science, field trips, nature, dance and team building exercises, plus much more.

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Clinical Neuropsychologist

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Dr. Carpenter-Bixler is a clinical neuropsychologist in private practice in Springfield. She works with adults and elders in neuropychological assessments and psychotherapy. She specializes in serving individuals with neurological impairment, chronic medical illness and advancing age.

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Classic car show at Heritage Hall will spark fond memories

By Mike Lydick

Turley Publications Correspondent

One of the best ways to put this past winter in the rearview mirror is in a mirror attached to a classic car parked on the grounds of Heritage Hall North this Saturday.

The health care facility that provides care for patients with Alzheimer's is holding a car show on May 17 from 1-5 p.m. Melinda Bolduc organized the Heritage Hall Campus's first car show last year across the street at Heritage Hall West when she was recreational director. Now HHN's dementia program director, she's continuing the event at her new location.

"Last year's car show was such a success that I'm hoping we will draw an even larger crowd this year since so many families are affected by this disease," said Bolduc.

Show benefits Alzheimer's Association

Unlike many other car shows, there is no entry fee for vehicles or those who want to look at the vehicles. Money will be raised through raffles and the sale of hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages that will be provided by the facility's food services department.

"The money raised will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association in hopes that one day we will live in a world without Alzheimer's," Bolduc added.

In her new position, Bolduc is responsible for overseeing the dementia care provided to residents in the Alzheimer's unit. She also provides educational programs to staff and family groups.

"It's a lot of responsibility, but I wouldn't change it for the world. It's extremely rewarding and every day I feel that I'm making a difference and improving the standards of dementia care," she said.

Her passion for helping patients with dementia is one reason why she also took on planning another car show.

"I want to help raise money for a cause I'm passionate about," said Bolduc. "We would love to raise \$500. The show drew 35 vehicles last year, so we want to see 50 this year. Last year, the show raised \$300, so anything more than that is great; it all helps."

Bolduc began planning the show in January, when most of the vehicles that she hopes will be at the show were parked for the winter months. Gary Francis, a local DJ and car show organizer since the 1990s, is again helping Bolduc put the event together. He will be on hand to spin platters of music from the '50s, '60s, and '70s as well as serve as emcee.

Cars and music a 'perfect therapeutic tool'

Cars and music from an earlier era will be a "perfect therapeutic tool," for residents with dementia, said Bolduc. "It will trigger many fond memories. They will be able to reminisce about their experiences and the feelings associated with that era," she explained.

Bolduc said one major difference of holding the car show at an Alzheimer's facility is that residents will need more supervision.

"It's more challenging in the aspect that we will need more supervision for residents who join us for the car show. It's common for people who have the disease to become overwhelmed by a large crowd," she said.

Bolduc said another goal of the car show is to build a stronger relationship between the health care facility and Agawam. She said it serves to show how Genesis Healthcare – the company that runs the Heritage Hall Campus – is reaching out to the community.



Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

The Heritage Hall Campus in Agawam will host its second classic car show this Saturday, May 17. All types of vehicles – like this classic 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 hardtop parked at last year's show – will be on display from 1-5 p.m. at Heritage Hall North.

"Everyone on the campus loved the car show last year, with each building bringing residents to the show. Residents talked about it for weeks," she said. "It was a great feeling to make a day so special for them. They are not able to go out on a regular basis, so my philosophy is that we need to bring those connections to the facility – after all, this is their home."

Any vehicle welcome

The show is open to any vehicle, from classics and "muscle" cars to "pony" cars, exotic cars and trucks. Trophies will be awarded for the best in show, best paint, resident's choice, and staff's choice.

Flyers have been distributed at the Aga-

wam Senior Center and residents from other skilled nursing facilities also have been invited to attend, as have a number of Agawam civic leaders. Local car clubs have also been helping to spread the word about the show to their members as well as others in the community

Francis and Bolduc coordinated with car clubs to avoid holding the show on a date when a club is planning a show. If it rains on May 17, the car show will be rescheduled to a later date.

Bolduc is hoping that she can duplicate the success she had with her first car show.

"It exceeded my expectations. The turnout was great, all the residents had huge smiles on their faces, and the weather was perfect. I couldn't ask for anything better."

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Pizzeria, Peppo's Pizza, Bruno's Pizzeria, Parthenon Restaurant, The Pizza Guy, Blue Seal Kielbasa, The Pizza House, Tolli's Pizzeria, Thousand Cranes Studio and Frito-Lay.

"The local sponsors stepped up to make this event happen. They are turning their food into profit for the schools," said Sawyer.

Pizza, hotdogs and chicken nuggets will be served as part of a meal deal including drinks and chips for \$5.

The two elementary schools will be fundraising for different reasons: Phelps will use the money to purchase technology, and Robinson will put the funding toward their art and music program.

Advance tickets for the picnic fundraiser are currently on sale at agawammusicmatters.org. Every advanced sale ticket will be entered in a drawing for a \$150 karaoke machine

The free event at Phelps School will begin at 3:30 p.m. and takes place rain or shine. Event coordinators ask attendees to dress for the weather and bring blankets or lawn chairs. Tables and chairs will be available for eating.

For more information about this event, please email Paul Sawyer at psawyer@aga-wampublicschools.org.

Friends of the Library to hold book sale

The Friends of the Agawam Library will hold a used book sale Friday, May 16, from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room at the library, located at 750 Cooper St. There is a \$3 preview charge on Friday. Members of the Friends of the Agawam Library will be admitted free on Friday.

There will be a large selection of hard cover (\$1 each) and paperback books (50 cents each), both fiction and non-fiction. There are also CDs, DVDs and audio books.

All proceeds will go to support programs at the library.

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the town library by providing fundraisers, workshops and educational activities, and volunteer services. For more information, write to Friends of the Agawam Public Library, P.O. Box 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478. The Friends group is not connected to any local, state or federal government agency.







Opinion

Catching your child's first fish

Watching your child catch his or her first fish from an ocean, lake or river is something you may quickly forget, but not for your son or daughter. It is one of those precious moments in life that almost serves as a milestone rite of passage into pre-teen hood. It's a sense of pride combined with an almost insatiable appetite for your kid to brag to friends as the fish magically grows from a tiny rainbow trout to a behemoth monster during school lunch lore.

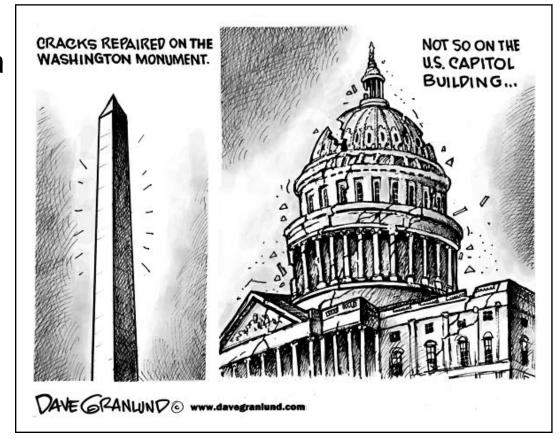
It all begins on an early weekend morning - this particular episode coming on Mother's Day to give mommy well deserved time off - with a stuffed monkey alarm clock blaring and your son showing up bedside with his fishing net in hand. He demands that you get up immediately or else, just like you promised to do the previous evening. With not even a second cup of coffee in hand, dad is whisked away to the garage half asleep to unearth long lost fishing rods and tackle and then dig live worms from the garden out back while the birds chirp with laughter. Where are those darn life preservers again?

Three boats await at the lake, though the boys want the biggest and heaviest rowboat with oars that could have been props in the movie "Moby Dick". The next 30 minutes are spent trying to attach hooks, weights and bobbers to two reels whose lines were already severely tangled. And one of them was brand new from the box. Let's test them out from shore. Child asks, "which way do you reel line in and out again"? "Lefty loosey," dad replies. More tangles ensnare the stalled expedition. With son and younger son finally in tow, the skipper pushes off from shore into the May fly infested waters for the adventure of a lifetime.

The boys immediately spot a "flock of fish" about a half-mile up current from the dock and so we set sail. Upon reaching the inlet, we pull out our rods and dad casts the lines out since the boys don't really know how to do that yet. Neither does dad. More tangled lines ensue. Finally as peace descends upon the craft, one boy quickly reels his cast in and before dad can turn around, he manages to hook his line on the younger bro's life preserver. At least it was not an eye and you caught something. Once the tears dry, we spend another 30 minutes in that inlet fighting off fierce wind-driven currents that kept pushing us ashore into thorny underbrush and dry docks. Dad works the oars like Captain Ahab.

Finally, the older boy decides it's best for the ship to head to the middle of lake about a half mile away. We must get deeper. Once there, older boy suggests raising the bobber up higher so more of the hook and bait go deeper into the depths. Good idea. Why didn't daddy think of that? Oh yes. Second cup of coffee still needed. We float for a while and drag the line when suddenly it snares something. Probably just a baby diaper, but older son starts reeling it in - ever so slowly. After what seems like an eternity, he hauls in a beautiful 6-inch rainbow trout. His eyes glow with accomplishment while dad fuddles for his camera phone and younger bro groans why he hasn't caught anything yet except for pond goo. We release the fish and return to shore. Enough tangled lines for one day. One perfect memory for the boys and one tired old dad. Time to go to church boys. "Noooooooooo."

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Letter to the Editor

Council urged to pass ordinance

To the editor:

I'm very glad the Agawam City Council will be holding a public hearing at their meeting, Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at the Roberta Doering School, 68 Main St., about the Planning Board's proposed ordinance amending the zoning code to create the Mixed Use (retail, commercial, residential) Business C District for the Walnut Street Extension area.

This is an ordinance of opportunity that will make the entire area more attractive and welcoming to customers, give building owners new possibilities to gain additional income for their properties, and provide more options for redeveloping games and lanes.

With the approval of this ordinance, the town

will be able to apply for up to \$1 million in Mass-Works Infrastructure Grant Funds through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. In 2013, 10 western Massachusetts communities received a total of \$10,380,834 in MassWorks awards, and the money has already been appropriated by the state for 2014 for the program.

For years, many Agawam residents have expressed concerns about the Walnut Street Extension area. The 2010 Agawam Economic Development Plan identified Walnut Street Extension as Priority Area 1 for future economic development. This ordinance lets us take the first step toward creating a vibrant, dynamic, business-friendly town center, which will greatly benefit our community.

I strongly urge the Agawam City Council to pass this ordinance.

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City Council meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School 68 Main St. Monday, May 19 7 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
 - 3. Citizen's Speak Time
 - 4. Minutes
 - 1. Regular Council Meeting –May 5, 2014
 5. Declaration from Council President
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- 6. Presentation of Petitions, Resolutions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - 7. Report of Council Committees
 - 8. Elections
 - 9. Public Hearings
- 1. PH-2014-2 (TOR-2014-4)- An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code of the Town of Agawam creating the Mixed Use Business C District (Planning Board) (Referred to Legislative Com-

mittee) (Tabled 5/5/14)(1 of 2 readings).

- 2. PH-2014-3 (TR-2014-20)-A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (Referred to Finance Committee) (Tabled 5/5/14) (Mayor) Public Hearing Date set for June 23, 2014.
 - 10. Old Business
- 1. TOR-2014-3- An Ordinance to Amend the Chapter 114 of the Agawam Town Code entitled "Junk and Secondhand Dealers" (Mayor) (Referred to Legislative Committee) (Tabled 5/5/14) (1 of 2 readings).
- 2. TO-2014-11- An order approving the Site Plan for the Class 2 Dealer's License of Dino Carando d/b/a Euro Imports at 325 Main St., Agawam (Referred to Administrative Committee) (Council)
- 11. New Business: Unavailable at press time.
- 12. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.
- Adjournment.

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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 73 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from May 6 to May 12.

On May 6 at 4:37 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for unauthorized burning.

On May 7 at 1:39 a.m., the department responded to Covote Circle for alarm system activation, no fire - unintention-

On May 7 at 12:54 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street, dispatched and canceled en route.

On May 7 at 3:05 p.m., the department responded to North West Street for off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire.

On May 7 at 4:34 p.m., the department responded to Silver Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On May 7 at 5:36 p.m., the department responded to Parkview Drive for good intent call, other.

On May 7 at 6:30 p.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive for public service assistance, other.

On May 7 at 8:40 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for gas leak.

On May 8 at 2:36 a.m., the department responded to Norris Street for public service.

On May 8 at 6:31 a.m., the department responded to Line

Street for passenger vehicle fire.

On May 8 at 4:30 p.m., the department responded to Silver Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries. On May 8 at 6:13 p.m., the department responded to North Street Extension for cooking fire, confined to container.

On May 9 at 4:04 a.m., the department responded to Woodside Drive for no incident found on arrival at dispatch

On May 9 at 2 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

On May 9 at 5:39 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 9 at 6:42 p.m., the department responded to Brookside Drive for good intent call, other

On May 10 at 10:04 a.m., the department responded to River Road for public service assistance, other.

On May 11 at 12:21 p.m., the department responded to Butterwood Road for alarm system sounded due to malfunc-

On May 11 at 2:45 p.m., the department responded to Feeding Hills Road to assist police or other governmental

On May 12 at 1:22 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

Fitness First to hold blood drive

Fitness First Health & Fitness Center, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Friday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required.

All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

Agawam resident to ride in 35th annual **Pan-Mass Challenge**

AGAWAM - Agawam resident James Sabatino will participate in the 35th annual Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), the largest single athletic fundraising event in the country, on Aug. 2 and 3. He will be among 5,800 cyclists who will ride with the collective goal of raising \$40 million to support adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. During PMC weekend, individual cyclists unite to become one extended family. The camaraderie shared by thousands of cyclists, spectators and volunteers is one reason cyclists from 36 states and five countries return to Massachusetts each August to participate in the PMC. Cyclists range in age from 13 to 90. Some are seasoned tri-athletes while others are weekend warriors having trained for this event alone. Many participants ride in honor of a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer. All share a passion and desire to one day find a cure for the disease. The average cyclist trains for three months, solicits 40 sponsors and raises more than \$6,500. Doctors ride alongside their patients; grandparents ride with their grandchildren; and others show support from the sidelines in the form of donations and cheers. More than 300 riders are cancer survivors or current patients. "The PMC is the gold standard of athletic fundraising events," says Billy Starr, Pan-Mass Challenge founder and executive director. "PMCers are as committed to raising money for cancer research as they are to pedaling the miles." No other single athletic event raises or contributes more money to charity than the PMC. Since 1980, the PMC has raised more than \$414 million. In 2013, the PMC was Dana-Farber's largest single contributor and the event raises more than 50 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. More than 230,000 individual contributions were made to last year's PMC fundraising campaign, allowing the PMC to contribute 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the Jimmy Fund. The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and the New Balance Foundation. To become a virtual rider or to make a financial contribution to a rider from your town, visit www.pmc.org or call (800) WE-CYCLE.

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POLICE LOG-

The Agawam Police Department responded to 318 calls for service from May 6 to May 12. The department made 10 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, May 6

Douglas Arnold, 44, of 35 Walnut St., Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant - failure to appear.

Wednesday, May 7

Anthony Luis Cortes, 25, of 313 Springfield St., Apt. 2, Agawam, was arrested on a warrant.

Jason J. Gebeau, 35, of 42 Corey Colonial, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended and passing violation.

A juvenile from Agawam was arrested on a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon on school grounds.

Saturday, May 10

A juvenile from Windsor Locks, Conn., was arrested on a charge of person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Three juveniles from Agawam were each arrested on a charge of person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Emily Catherine Slade, 18, of 13 Oldfield Farms, Enfield, Conn., was arrested on a charge of person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Monday, May 12

Zachariah Isiah Pittsinger, 31, of 38 Pheasant Hills Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of assault and battery on a pregnant person.

Weekly Newspaper Editor Sought

he Agawam Advertiser News, a weekly newspaper with an office in Feeding Hills, MA, is seeking a managing editor to handle day-to-day operations. The preferred candidate will possess strong management, organizational and people skills; editorial experience in news and feature reporting, including writing, editing, assigning, photography, and social media content; have the ability and willingness to represent the newspaper in the community through coverage of meetings/events and involvement in community activities.

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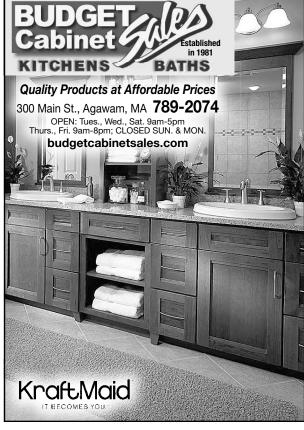
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Bond rating increase could net debt savings

BOND, from page 1

The bond rating was announced by Standard and Poor's Rating Service last week. Their findings indicate Agawam has strong budgetary flexibility, strong budgetary performance, very strong liquidity, strong management conditions, and a very strong and contingent liability profile.

Cohen says bond notes have been bid out for the two most recent borrowing projects, which are a Green repair project at Agawam Junior High School and the North Westfield Street water main improvement project.

"With this increase in bond ratings, we will likely be able to get lower interest rates that will decrease the debt service we are paying on these projects," said Cohen.

Cohen explained the bonding process, saying Agawam goes out to a bonding agency. The bonding agency puts the bond out to three to six financial groups, typically banks, to purchase the bonds. Those financial groups will likely offer Agawam lower interest rates as a result of the increase bond rating.

"They know we are a good investment," said Cohen.

According to Placek, between the town, the schools and public works, including water and wastewater, there are currently 27 projects the town is paying debt service on. Some

of the projects are completed; others, like the water main project, are ongoing. The projects date back as far as 1995.

Last year, Placek said \$3.8 million in debt service payments were made toward the projects.

Cohen says he tries to be conservative with bonding out for projects and likes to wait for a project to be paid off before a new one is taken on. Among projects to be taken on in the near future is the high school track and athletic field project. Cohen has said the town would likely bond for part of the project funding. The increased bond rating will help Agawam in how much debt service taxpayers will be responsible for.

Other findings from Standard and Poor's state they believe Agawam has an overall strong economy.

"Agawam has a strong economy, with access to the broad and diverse economy of Springfield and Hartford," the report says.

The report also states that town management has never exceeded the state's tax levy cap of 2½ percent.

Cohen says to get a bond rating increase in the current economy climate is very difficult. The report concludes Agawam has a strong budgetary performance and the general fund closed with a surplus of \$1.87 million.

Car dealer driving to raise \$8K for cancer Relay

RELAY, from page 1

drive at the Relay will help make a difference in the battle against cancer," said Jeff Sarat, the dealership's general manager, who will be the featured speaker during the Relay's opening ceremonies Friday night.

Dealership staffers are volunteering their time at the Relay to assist with test drives and provide additional information about Lincoln vehicles. Test-drive participants must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. There is a limit of one test drive per household.

"Our primary goal is to get 400 people to drive a new Lincoln at the Relay so we can raise \$8,000 and help the Relay reach its \$70,000 goal for 2014," said Sarat, who has also organized a Relay team that includes customers and dealership employees.

To raise awareness about the Relay and to promote the Driven to Give event, Sarat provided a 2014 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid sedan to Relay chair Janine Iacolo. The outside of the car features customized lettering with Driven to Give and American Cancer Society logos on the sides and hood.

Serving as a rolling billboard advertising both events, Iacolo said the car has garnered much attention when parked at various Relay fundraisers during the past few weeks. She called Driven To Give "an innovative and fun way" to raise awareness about the Relay.

"Many people say they want to do something, but can't make it to Relay for the night. Simply by taking a test drive at the Relay will make a powerful difference in our fight against cancer. Everyone wins in this deal, because every test drive helps us raise more money, helps us continue to 'Finish The Fight,' and contributes to a successful Relay," Iacolo said.

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has been a passion for Jeff Sarat, his two brothers and their father, Jack Sarat, for nearly two decades. The Sarat family has raised more than \$300,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at Springfield College. They were spurred to join the fight against cancer when Jeff Sarat's mother, Karen, who died in 2003, was diagnosed with can-

Jeff Sarat said he and his family continue to raise funds to support cancer patients because they know how hard it is for those with cancer. He said his mother was the driving force behind the family's efforts to support cancer patients and raise funds to assist those in treatment. Her memory – and her determination to fight cancer and help others with cancer – continues to inspire the Sarat family.

cer 17 years ago.

In 2011, the Sarat family received the Omar T. Pace, MD, Award from the American Cancer Society for their work to raise funds for Relay For Life. In addition, during 2013, the family helped raise funds for the oncology unit at Westfield's Noble Hospital by serving as co-chairs of the hospital's annual Noble Ball.

Jennifer Ducharme, a Relay specialist for the American Cancer Society, said the Driven to Give fundraiser is a prime example of how a locally owned business demonstrates to the community that it is serious about finishing the fight against cancer.

"Jeff Sarat, his family, and Sarat Ford Lincoln have a long history of supporting Relay For Life. We're very excited. This is a tremendous opportunity to boost funds raised at our Relay, so we hope to see many people taking test drives."

Sarat said he decided to join the Relay For Life of Agawam – now in its third year – because it's an important event for the communities served by his dealership. Sarat said he's seen many family members, friends, co-workers and customers who have been touched by cancer. While the dealership is participating in the Relay in Agawam, his family will continue supporting the Relay at Springfield College with a team and other fundraisers, he added.

"I have two young children who will never get to meet their grandmother – my mother – who was taken from us much too soon and before my kids were born. I'm determined to do everything I can to help eradicate cancer and find new treatments. Hopefully, my children or my grandchildren won't have to deal with this dreaded disease," he said.





Mayor looking to bond major projects over five years

MAYOR, from page 1

Among future projects, Cohen is looking for \$6 million for a new Early Childhood Center on Perry Lane. Cohen says the current facility has outgrown its present location. The improvement program does not state if Agawam would build a new building on the current property or seek another location.

Cohen is proposing a \$15 million bond for improvements to Agawam High School for FY2017.

The high school renovation request is due to the fact Agawam has not been able to secure any funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for a new high school building. Most recently, the city council and school committee have submitted updated statements of interest to the MSBA looking for renovations to the building.

However, with the MSBA process, the high school would not see any money for about six years.

In FY2018, Cohen is proposing spending \$100,000 for a feasibility study and preliminary design of a new town hall building. Bonding for construction funds for a new town hall is sought in FY2019. The mayor is projecting a building at a cost of \$7 million.

The hearing is open for any public input and the meeting is set to begin at 7 p.m. Public comment on the improvement program will be taken following a presentation of the plan.

Study, redesign of Feeding Hills center could improve traffic flow

TRAFFIC, from page 1

(MassDOT) gave Agawam up to \$500,000 to spend on design services. Once the design is completed, the town will look for state funding for the actual road improvements. The funding was awarded two years ago, but Cohen says the process of going out to bid for the design service was very lengthy.

"We had to come up with design documents and send them to the state," said Cohen. "The state gave their input and made some changes. We then had to make some changes. It was a lengthy process before we could secure a designer."

Asked if he is looking to pursue improvements for the intersection in lieu of the completion of Route 57, Cohen gave an emphatic "no" and said the town is aggressively pursuing the project following meetings with the transportation secretary and legislative representation.

State Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield, and State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, worked to add an amendment to the Transportation Bond Bill that was approved by the state legislature approving funding to purchase land owned by Western Massachusetts Electric Company. The funding allows the state to negotiate with WMECO.

The land would provide the right-of-way that will allow Route 57 to be extended to near the Southwick border. The advantage would be to sway truck traffic from Feeding Hills center. Southwick has an active industrial park on Route 57, which is known as Feeding Hills Road in Southwick. The extension of Route 57 would allow that truck traffic an easier passage to Southwick and relieve Feeding Hills center of such traffic.

The state still needs to find funding to complete the project.

The Route 57 extension project was nearly dead before town officials combined with officials from Southwick and West Springfield to secure a meeting with Secretary of Highway and Transportation Richard Davey. At the meeting, officials from each town pled their case and called for action with help from Humason and Boldyga.



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In the Classroom

Gold medal AHS Bands to hold Pops Concert

The public is invited to the Agawam High School Bands' fifth annual Pops Concert Wednesday, May 21, in the Agawam High School auditorium. Under direction of Agawam High School director of bands William M. Hueglin, the awardwinning high school Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band will perform beginning at 7 pm.

The concert will feature movie themes, musicals, jazz and patriotic music, and will conclude with the traditional armed forces tribute to honor and thank the men and women who serve and protect our country.

The Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band both received gold medals at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) 38th Annual Concert and Choral Festival and performed at Mechanics Hall in Worcester last month as part of the MICCA Gold Medal Showcase.

A gift basket raffle will be held the night of the concert to raise funds for the band

program, and a reception will be held in the rotunda after the performance. Admittance to the concert is free; donations will be accepted to benefit the Agawam High School Band program.

Tickets to Band-A-Thon, a fundraising event planned by the Agawam High School Band Parents Association, will be available for purchase before and after the concert. Band-A-Thon will take place at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills on Saturday, May 24, from noon until 6 p.m. The event will be a celebration of music featuring musical ensembles from all grade-levels, an alumni band and professional bands.

Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$10 per student, with a \$50 family cap. Children under five will be admitted free of charge. Ticket prices include a hamburger, hot dog, side salads and chips. Band-A-Thon event and contact information can be found at "AHS Bandathon 2014" on Facebook at agawambandathon.tumblr.com.

Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 19: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 20: Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat roll with lettuce and tomatoes, French fries, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 21: Deli turkey on whole-wheat wrap, veggie pasta salad, cinnamon baked apple, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 22: Whole-grain French bread pizza, salad w/lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, May 23: Parmesan chicken on whole-wheat roll, carrot and cucumber sticks with ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

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Agawam Robotics to host registration event

The Agawam Robotics Education Association (AREA) will host a registration session for the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) and Junior FIRST LEGO League (JrFLL) robotics program for the 2014-2015 school year on Thursday, May 22, from 6-8 p.m. at Agawam Robotics' headquarters on the second floor at 850 Springfield St., Agawam.

FLL is a program for Agawam students in grades four through six, which introduces students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. FLL teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities and, through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society. Registration fee for this program is \$25.

JrFLL is a program for students in grades one through three, which introduces the younger students to the exciting worlds of science and technology. Just like FLL, this program features a real-world challenge to be solved by research, critical thinking and imagination. Guided by adult coaches, students work with LEGO elements and moving parts to create solutions and present them for review. This program is sponsored by Agawam Robotics, which is available to all Agawam's first- through third-grade students free of charge.

For more information, visit www.usfirst. org. Parents interested in volunteering may contact Wincy Chan at wincychan@comcast.net.

Concert, field show footage sought for Band-A-Thon

Organizers of the Agawam High School Band Parents Association's (AHSBPA) upcoming Band-A-Thon are seeking video of AHS band performances from the past three decades to round out the memorabilia display they are assembling.

"We are appealing to former band parents who may have video of their sons and daughters performing during the past few decades," said Jodi Albertson, event chairperson.

The display of memorabilia will include videos, band and color guard uniforms, and dozens of scrapbooks compiled during the tenure of former band director Darcy Davis, who taught in Agawam from 1955, when the "new" high school was built, until he retired in the mid 1980s. Former band parents are encouraged to come forward with tapes of the performances, and Agawam High Band alumni are welcome to bring any memorabilia to share.

Current AHSBPA chairperson Patricia Souder, herself an AHS band alumna (Class of 1980), hopes that former band parents will also make a point to attend the Band-A-Thon.

"It's not only band members who have strong memories of their time in the band," she said. "Band parents also have a strong link to the band. Band parents are a special bunch – whether it is our current group of parents, or those from my time in school, these are individuals who work together for the good of the students and the good of the band."

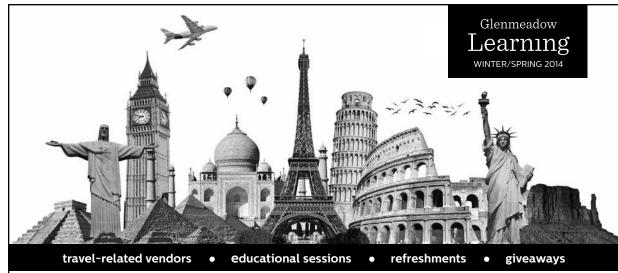
Band-A-Thon will take place Saturday, May 24, from noon at 6 p.m. at the Polish American Club located at 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. The public is invited, and the AHSBPA is seeking resident participation on all levels – from volunteers to help organize the event, to former band members to play in alumni ensembles, to sponsors that will help underwrite the day's expenses. Tickets are now on sale, and advance tickets are recommended. Donation amounts are \$15 per adult and \$10 per student, with a \$50 family cap. Children under five will be admitted free of charge. Ticket prices include a hamburger, hot dog, side salads and chips. Funds raised will be used toward band expenses not covered by the school budget. For information on tickets, to volunteer, or for information on sharing band video or memorabilia, contact Jodi Albertson at (413) 386-5291 or msjodia@aol.com.

Event organizers are also seeking AHS band alumni to perform in two alumni ensembles; jazz, and concert/marching band. If you or someone you know is interested in playing, contact Band-A-Thon music coordinator Todd Connery at toddconnery06@gmail.com as soon as possible.

There will also be sponsorship opportunities available to help underwrite the expenses of this exciting event. For more information, contact Carolyn Reed at creed0104@gmail.com. For up-to-date event and contact information, visit "AHS Bandathon 2014" on Facebook or agawambandathon.tumblr.com.







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Mighty Mechanics news, upcoming events

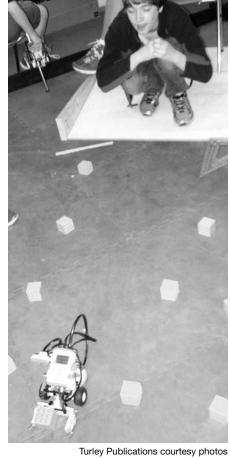
The Mighty Mechanics, Agawam's FIRST Tech Challenge robotics team, is in its postseason after competing in the state championships. They performed a series of challenges by building and programming a LEGO Mindstorms robot and running it through an obstacle course. The goal in these first two challenges was to push certain blocks off the course and to navigate the course. Each team of two students had to construct a robot out of available LEGO parts.

The further the robot went through the course without touching barriers, the more points the team earned. However, if the robot touched any blocks aside from the designated blocks that were worth extra points, they would lose points. After the remotecontrolled challenge, they had to program

the robot to operate autonomously while not hitting any barriers on the course.

The Mighty Mechanics will host a "funraiser," Sunday, May 18, from noon to 3 p.m. at Agawam Bowl, located on Walnut Street Ext. Cost is \$15 for two games and \$20 for three games, including shoe rental. On that day, a portion of the money earned by Agawam Bowl will be donated to the team. There will be food sold at the event, which is open to the public. Team members will display past seasons' robots and their custom challenge robots. Early arrival is encouraged, as space is limited. The public is welcome to invite friends and family to join this event. The team promises that it will be "Mighty fun."





Nick Charest lines up his robot for Challenge 2, while other Mighty team members queue up.

Bradley Clarke's robot successfully finishes the first street of Challenge 2.

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Sophomore Interview Month at Siena College: This May, Siena College is inviting high school sophomores to campus for their first college interview. Sophomore interviews will be conducted Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the month of May. Appointments may be made online at www.siena.edu/visit or by phone at 1-888-AT-SIENA.

Summer Legal Institute: This is a free five-day legal immersion program located at Western New England University School of Law from July 7-11. Students who participate will study the legal system and how it works alongside attorney and judge volunteers, analyze selected cases, debate legal issues and participate in both a mock trial and an oral argument, learn what it takes to become a lawyer and observe the action at law firms and courthouses, develop contacts with legal professionals and organizations and gain insight into the college admissions process. Enrollment is limited to 50 students. Students must apply online at http://jtbf. org/index.php?submenu=SpringfieldMA &src=gendocs&ref=MassachusettsMass MutualSLI&category=Summer_Legal_ Institute.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Local Scholarships: Check out the AHS Counseling website for a link.

Residents attain honors at area schools

The following students were named to the Suffield Academy honor roll for the

Class of 2016 members Trevor Lyne and Nicholas Pelligrini, of Feeding Hills and Angela Vecchiarelli, of Agawam, achieved High Honors; Marysa Massoia, a member of the Class of 2015, achieved High Honors; Nicole Matysiak, a member of the Class of 2014, achieved High Honors; Riley Miles, a member of the Class of 2017, achieved Honors.

The Williston Northampton School

announced that the following students made the honor roll for the second trimester of the 2013-14 academic year:

Caroline Wysocki, of Agawam, a member of the Class of 2016, achieved High Honors:

Noah DeVos, of Feeding Hills, a member of the Class of 2017, achieved Honors; Rachel Lloyd, of Feeding Hills, a member of the Class of 2014, achieved Honors; and Michael Lloyd, of Feeding Hills, a member of the Class of 2016, achieved Honors.

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LEGAL NOTICE **PUBLIC HEARING** AGAWAM CITY **COUNCIL**

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 7:00 pm, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2015 to Fiscal Year 2019 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on April 4, 2014.

The Capital Improvement Program is a prioritized plan of proposed capital improvements over the next five fiscal years. A capital improvement is a project or undertaking which provides for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or replacement of a public building or facility; an addition to a public building or facility; the purchase of land, buildings or facilities for a public purpose; or a long range development

The Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2015 to Fiscal Year 2019 is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. The Capital Improvement Program is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. BY ORDER OF:

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Bagge joins Park Square Realty



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Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty, announced that Shannon Bagge has joined Park Square Realty's Westfield office as a sales associate. Bagge is a Westfield native and graduated from Westfield High School. She currently resides with her husband and eight-year-old son in Chicopee. Park Square Realty is a locally-owned residential real estate company with offices in Westfield and Feeding Hills.

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AGAWAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. The Committee will provide an overview of the financial performance of the CPA fund and will also be seeking input on goals, activities, procedures and spending The CPC is encouraging residents, town boards, committees and commissions to attend to discuss the needs and possibilities of projects that may qualify for Community Preservation Act funds.

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Agawam Senior Center Weekly calendar of events

Monday, May 19: Friends Mohegan Sun Trip; 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo, Informational Seminar with John Dee (Veterans Hall); 3 p.m., Theater Group Practice; 4 p.m., Tap Class; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, May 20: 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing, First Day of Shuffleboard (St. John's courtes); 10 a.m., PACE, Coffee Hour with a representative from Nicholas Boldyga's office; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Saving Mr. Banks"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, May 21: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 3 p.m., Senior Theater Group (final rehearsal).

Thursday, May 22: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Free Blood Pressure Check, Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, May 23: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art Class; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage, Senior Theater Show ("Hometown Gallery" \$5); 5 p.m., Zumba Gold; 6 p.m., Senior Theater Show ("Hometown Gallery" \$5).

Lunch menu

Monday, May 19: Shepard's pie, spring salad, banana.

Tuesday, May 20: Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, peas and carrots, pudding.

Wednesday, May 21: Hearty beef barley soup, grilled chicken on a roll, lettuce and tomato, baked good.

Thursday, May 22: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes, broccoli, Jell-O.

Friday, May 23: Sweet potato crusted cod, Mediterranean rice pilaf, spinach, peaches.

Theater group to present 'A Hometown Gallery'

The Senior Theater Group at the Agawam Senior Center will host two showings of "A Hometown Gallery," written and directed by Steve Henderson, on Friday, May 23. Showings will be at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. with a \$5 donation accepted. For more information, call 821-0605, ext. 0.

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Museum 'musings'

By Darcy Davis

Plans are in the works to open the Agawam Museum of America in the 20th Century Saturday, June 7. It will be located in the back portion of the old Agawam Senior Center, which was closed five years ago when a new senior center was built at 954 Main St. The front part is used for the office for the town's senior housing.

The museum area will include a long hallway, three rooms and the entrance area. It will be open Saturdays

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. with special openings available by contacting me at 786-7356. There will be no admission charge, but there is a sign-in book and donations will be gratefully accepted.

The museum is a "hands-on" display and will include a number of videos running in several locations with short- and medium-length programs.

The public is invited and, as time passes, revisions will be made based on the visitors' responses.

Widows, widowers group to meet

The Widow/Widowers Group of the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will meet Wednesday, May 21, in the conference room at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call JoAnn at 789-0451.





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Cruisin'...on a Wednesday afternoon

Hot rod season kicks off in Agawam

By Kate Anderson

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - Spring has arrived and with it, hot rod season. The slightest bump in temperature is reason enough for classic car and motorcycle lovers to start looking for cruise nights, and this year they won't be disappointed.

The first show of the season, held May 7 at the Ice Cream Shoppe on Springfield Street, brought an impressive crowd despite the lingering chill in the air. The car show coincided with the Ice Cream Shoppe's one-year anniversary, and the crowd enjoyed cake, popcorn and raffle prizes, a portion of the proceeds donated to Relay for Life. Dan and Susan Thibault, the shop's owners, plan to continue the shows every Wednesday night throughout the summer.

Along with classic cars and pickups, Mark and David Rogers of the Connecticut Military Vehicle Collectors made an appearance, bringing with them a 1971 M35A-2 Duce 1/2 and a 1985 923A-1 5 Ton. Westfield residents Tammy Reed and Don Nadeau attended with their fully-restored 1967 Pontiac GTO, and professional pinup models were on hand to take photos with the cars and their owners.

If one night a week isn't enough for the classic car enthusiast, the Valley Cruisers will also launch their 16th cruise season on Fridays at Sacred Heart Parish. Alan Curran, one of the founders of Valley Cruisers, began hosting cruise nights at the McDonald's on Suffield Street nearly two decades ago, attracting more than 100 classic cars to the restaurant every Friday night from May through September.

After so many years at McDonald's, construction on the new restaurant forced the cruisers to relocate to the parking lot of Dave's Soda and Pet City, then to Sacred Heart where the visibility was much improved. Town residents can now drive by and see anywhere from 70 to 80 classic cars—and some modern hot rods-with their hoods popped in the parking lot.

At Curran's show, owners have the chance to walk away with a trophy.

"We give out trophies for first- and second-place. I choose a different car each night and the same car can't win the same trophy more than once in a season," he says. "Some guys have a ton of money and can pay for professional restorations. But then there's the guy who might not have a great job and he's in his garage every weekend working on his own car. He deserves to win, too."

The Valley Cruisers also hold raffles—a 50/50 as well as a table full of items donated by local businesses like Advanced Auto. A food truck that rolls in just for the shows serves everything from grinders, to chicken, to dessert treats.

Summer cruising will be in full swing this year, so bring the family, bring your classics and have some good old-fashioned fun.

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1974 Chevy Nova SS

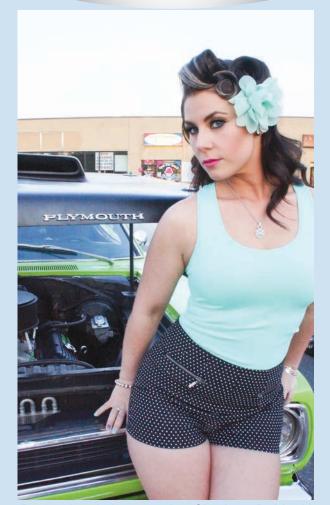


1974 Chevelle



Alyssa Ribiero poses with a 1954 Buick Special.

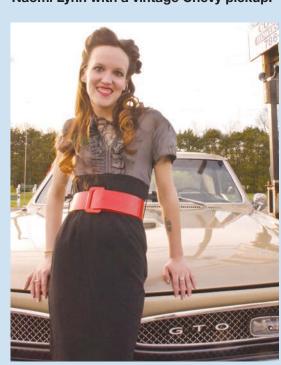




Professional photographer Charlotte Dobiecki poses with a 1970 Plymouth GTX.



Ahleya Cabtree leans against a 1967 Pontiac GTO.



Agawam resident Constance Sheehan with a 1967 Pontiac GTO owned by Tammy Reed and Don Nadeau of Westfield.

Families

Area residents named recipients of **David & Andrea Whitman Scholarship**

SPRINGFIELD - Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) cosmetology students Mia Ghedi, of Agawam, and Kelsea Boiselle, of Granby, were recently named as recipients of the David and Andrea Whitman Scholarship.

The scholarship is presented annually to two STCC students who not only meet the required criteria, but also must participate in a styling competition, submit a written essay, and interview with the judging panel. Each student is awarded a \$500 scholarship to further their education in the cosmetology field. The scholarship is given in honor of David and

Andrea Whitman for their impact on the cosmetology industry and their peers.

This year's judging panel included area professionals Maureen Bellucci, of Bel-



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Springfield Technical Community College students Mia Ghedi, left, of Agawam, and Kelsea Boiselle, of Granby, were recently named recipients of the David and Andrea Whitman Scholarship. Here, the students show off their winning hairstyles.

> lucci Salon and Day Spa; Margaret Ochoa, of Ochoa Salon and Spa; Judy Puffer, of Puffers Salon and Day Spa; and Allan Silva, of Creative Edge Salon.

CHAPTER 2 INSTALLS OFFICERS



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The Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 2 held its installation banquet last month at Tucker's Restaurant in Southwick. From left, Conni Lind, president; Janice Grimaldi, vice-president; Wilma Gillan, treasurer; Rita Matys, recording secretary; Rosemarie Usher, corresponding secretary; and Jane Nunn, chaplain.

AHS Class of '64 plans reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1964 will celebrate its 50th reunion Sept. 27 and 28 at Crestview Country Club. Activities will include a tour of the high school, a barbeque and dinner on Sunday evening.

The committee will meet Sunday, May

25, at 11:30 a.m. for brunch at Crestview. All classmates are invited to attend the committee meetings.

For more information, visit www.agawam64.com, email agawam64@aol.com or contact Barbara Bishop at (617) 921-4598.

AJWC meeting to feature **AAN** correspondent

Club (AJWC) will hold its next meeting Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mike Lydick, a correspondent for the Agawam Advertiser News. He will discuss his experience in the field of print media.

This year, the AJWC is celebrating 57 years of volunteer service in the community. The club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the largest

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's female volunteer organizations in the world. Anyone interested in learning more about the AJWC and its volunteer projects is invited to the monthly meeting. Guests and potential new members are welcome.

A social gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. AJWC meetings are always open to the public.

For more information about how to become a member, contact Christina Beauchemin, membership chairperson, at 427-8784.

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Wheeler shuts down Blue Devils

Bats come to life early

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam softball team scored another victory last Friday on a dreary day at home over visiting Northampton.

The start of the game was delayed a bit by transportation issues from Northampton, but Agawam's Ali Wheeler was ready for the Blue Devils either way. The sophomore and her intense focused led Agawam to a 10-0 win. She pitched a four-hitter and struck out six in the outing.

While Wheeler dominated the Northampton lineup, the Agawam lineup dominated Northampton pitching.

They got things started by scoring three runs in the first-inning. Danielle Stratton got the inning started with a four-pitch walk. Rachel Lapponese would then sacri-

fice Stratton into scoring position. Taylor Marcotte then socked a long triple to the outfield gap scoring Stratton and putting another run at third base with one out.

Maria Moccio would walk to put two runners on and Becca Uschmann would single home a pair with a base hit.

In the second inning, Stratton would hit a single and eventually make her way around to score to

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Danielle Stratton swings to connect on a base hit for Agawam.



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Rachel Lapponese comes up throwing from the outfield.

Brownies top Colts in five-setter

Goggin makes key plays in final game

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The rivalry between Agawam and Chicopee Comp boys volleyball continues to deliver.

Last Friday night, the Brownies were taken to their limit, but they held on to defeat the Colts 3-2 with an amazing comeback in the final game of the five-set match to take the victory.

Agawam trailed 6-2 early in the fifth game. Comp was powered by a couple of good blocks and an ace by Phu Do. The gap would stay the same and Comp would reach eight points first, going up 8-4 and both teams switched sides of the court.

The other side of the court was better for the Brownies as they started their comeback, winning a point after Comp hit the ball out of bounds.

With the Brownies trailing 10-8, Ben Cassidy delivered a kill on a powerful spike, and did the same thing a couple of plays later. He then came up with a huge ace to tie the score 11-11. The two teams would exchange points before a bad serve by Comp gave Agawam their first lead of the fifth game.

Following that, Zach Goggin and Wade Robidoux combined to

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Zach Goggin gets his hand on the ball to keep the volley going.

Circosta flying high for Blue Jays

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Just two years ago, Danielle Circosta led Agawam to victory in the Western Massachusetts Division I championship, overcoming a rough first few innings and pitching effectively in the final five innings as Agawam beat Minnechaug 6-4.

Circosta was a four-year player for the Brownies and was a very effective pitcher throughout her entire career and also contributed well at the plate.

Now, Circosta is pitching effectively for the University of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn. It took Circosta a year, but she was a regular part of both the starting lineup and the pitching rotation this year.

She made 14 starts as a pitcher and also spent time playing the outfield for St. Joe's.

She appeared in a total of 33 games this season because she pitched and played in the field. While playing for Agawam, Circosta was primarily used as either a pitcher or a designated hitter and rarely, if ever, got into the field in four years for the Brownies.

Circosta was known for good velocity and a variety of other

pitches. She shined in her senior year as she went all the way to the state semifinals. She pitched every game of the playoffs that year.

St. Joe's went a total of 22-12 this season. Their season ended on April 27 when they lost against Simmons in the GNAC Tournament. They picked up one victory in the tournament of Norwich.

In that game, Circosta was the victim of a couple of errors. She allowed four runs, but only one earned and picked up a no-decision. Circosta then pitched a day later in the team's next tournament game against Simmons, suffering the loss.

In the regular season, Circosta went 7-5. For the entire season, she posted a 7-6 record and pitched 87 innings. She allowed just 27 earned runs and posted an ERA of 2.17. She allowed 82 hits and walked 24. She struck out 69 and pitched 11 complete games in her 14 starts. She also recorded one save in her only relief outing of the season.

When not pitching, Circosta spent some time playing left field. She was also allowed to hit for herself even when pitching, something that is rare in college play.

She posted a .209 average for

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COLLEGE NOTES

Szatrowski named to LEC Second Team

NORTH DARTMOUTH - Agawam native and UMass-Boston pitcher Kyle Szatrowski was recently named to the Little East Conference Baseball Second Team.

Szatrowski's junior season was another strong one. As the Beacons ace, the lefty posted a 3.51 ERA and a 4-2 record in 2014. In nine starts, Szatrowski went a total of 59.0 innings and fanned a team-best 39 batters, while only surrendering 12 walks. He held opponents to a .222 average and threw the only complete game for the Beacons.

Perhaps his best showing of the year came in the April 19 meeting with Keene State College. Szatrowski held the Owls hitless through six complete innings and allowed just two hits in the conference victory. He also had a solid start in the 11-1 eight inning win over Rhode Island College to close out the regular season. In seven complete innings, Szatrowski allowed one run on five hits and struck out five, while not walking one batter.

Grassetti helps out Worcester State

WORCESTER - Worcester State women's lacrosse junior and Agawam resident Angela Grassetti finished with seven ground balls and nine draws in two ECAC playoff games as she helped the Lancers reach the finals.



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Taylor Marcotte fires to first base.

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make it 4-0. The Brownies would get a single run in the third inning with a base hit from Moccio. She would advance on an error and later score on a single by Jess Lingenberg.

In the fifth, the Brownies would strike for five runs, batting around.

Moccio started with a triple to get the inning going. Uschmann would work a walk in a very good at-bat and Mary Kate Reidy also walked. Lingenberg got the scoring going with a RBI single. Katie Grasso followed with a two-RBI single. Wheeler would get in on the hitter with an RBI single.

With a runner at third at third and no outs, Stratton would lift a sacrifice fly to left, plating the fifth run of the inning.

For Agawam, Stratton, Moccio, Uschmann, Lingenberg, and Marcotte all had two hits each. Moccio and Marcotte each had triples.

The Brownies increased their regular season to 13-2 and have the second round of their league schedule upcoming in the final five games of the season. Their only league loss suffered so far was against Westfield. The Brownies will meet Westfield in their final game of the year.

Agawam also defeated East Longmeadow and Hampshire in independent action last week. Last Wednesday, the Brownies beat the Spartans 3-2 on the road. Agawam scored three runs in the first inning, and overcome a two-run rally in the fifth to get the victory.

Wheeler allowed two runs on four hits and overcome three errors in the field, a rarity for the Brownies. She struck out 14.

Coming up, the Brownies are at West Springfield Friday at 4 p.m. at Mittineague Park.

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the season, but had a modest .280 average in conference play. She had 14 hits, including three doubles. She drive in seven runs and walked 12 times.

Circosta missed the season her freshmen year last year with an injury. With one successful year under her belt, she is sure to improve with experience next season.

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Brownies punch tournament ticket

Pull away from Generals in second half

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys lacrosse team has qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament on the heels of three straight victories last week.

Last Friday, the Brownies stayed close with the Generals, but pulled away in the second half and picked up a 12-6 victory, their 10th of the season.

Agawam built a 4-1 lead before the General come back to tie the score. Agawam would score just before halftime to take a 6-4 lead.

In the second half, the Brownies scored twice in the first few minutes of the half and expanded their lead. The Brownies would pull away at the end of the game.

The two teams battled for just over four minutes before Tyler Billick was able to come from behind the goal and shot on target to pick up the first goal of the game.

Billick would then score the second goal of the game with 5:17 remaining in the first quarter. He came on toward the goal and shot low and hard with several players in the area, making it difficult for the Pittsfield goalie to pick up the shot.

In the second quarter, Pittsfield had gotten on the board and Anthony Saccomani took a pass from behind the goal and made a sling sidearm shot that sailed into the upper part of the net to make it 3-1 Agawam.

Saccomani then scored against with 5:49 left in the second quarter to make it 4-1. Pittsfield then took over on offense for a few minutes, striking for three unanswered goals to tie the score 4-4.

Enter attacker T.J. Lockwood, who came up with a pair in the final minute of the first half to give Agawam the lead back.

First, with 56 seconds remaining, Lockwood attacked from the right side, and sent a slinging shot into the goal to make it 5-4. With 16 seconds remaining, Lockwood snuck another shot in to make it a two-goal game at halftime.

Agawam would score a pair of goals to start the second half quickly and took an 8-5 lead with about 7:00 remaining.

Agawam would score four goals in the final 15:00 of the game to pull away.



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John Colwell tries to move toward the Pittsfield goal under pressure.

Both Saccomani and Lockwood notched hat tricks during the second half. They each contributed two assists. Billick finished with two goals and three assists. John Colwell, Nick Hanchett, Bobby Koziol, and Elijah Bard also scored goals in the game.

Agawam improved to 10-4 for the regular season and also are in strong position with a 5-0 league record. They will meet Cathedral at American International College tonight at 7 p.m.

NOTE: Last Friday's game was dedicated to the memory of 2010 graduate Evan Bard. Sunday, May 11 marked the one-year anniversary of her passing in a tragic car accident near Boston. Bard's brother Elijah is a member of the varsity boys lacrosse team. The team wore pink in honor of Bard during the game as well as pink wristbands. Pittsfield players also wore the pink bracelets. A moment of silence was held before the game in Bard's memory.



John Colwell looks for an open teammate from behind the net.



Tyler Billick sends a pass off.



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Lady Brownies fall to Chicopee

By Nate Rosenthal Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE – This has been a great season for the Agawam softball team and coming into their game against Chicopee, they had lost just one game, that to undefeated Westfield. For their efforts they ranked second in Western Mass.

The game was scoreless through two and then in the third, Chicopee broke through for two on a triple by Shannon Denault. After a great defensive play by Cassidy Fournier kept Agawam off the board in the fifth; Chicopee got two more in the bottom of the inning, as Raven Fournier drove in one and scored another. The pitching came to bear in the sixth. Starter Mary Kate Meunier was superb allowing just four hits in five and a third innings. But when she gave up that fourth hit a single to Maria Moccio, the Lady Brownies had two on and one out. At this point, the Chicopee coach brought in Faith Popowich and she shut the door. Popowich struck out the first batter and then got out of the inning with a fly out. She set down the side in order in the seventh with two more strikeouts, one to end the game.

Agawam threatened in the first. After two quick outs, Taylor Marcotte singled and Moccio reached on an error. Meunier struck out the next batter to get out of the first unscathed. Raven Fournier had a two out single off Ally Wheeler, and got to second on a passed ball, but there was no damage.

Becka Uschmann singled with one out in the Agawam second and was sacrificed to second. Morgan Harris singled with two outs in the Chicopee second.

In the third and fourth, it was six up and six down for Meunier, making it eight straight going back to the second. Meanwhile the Pacers got their offense going in the third. With one out, Cassidy Fournier singled and stole second. She went to third on a wild pitch. After the second out, Raven Fournier walked and stole second. With runners on second and third, Denault lined one over the head of the left fielder and did not stop until she got to third. Cassidy and Raven Fournier both scored to give Chicopee a 2-0 lead.

Wheeler settled down and got the Pacers in order in the fourth. The first defensive gem came in the fifth. Uschman who had led off with a single and had been sacrificed



Agawam pitcher Allison Wheeler (3) winds up to make a delivery to home plate.



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Agawam first baseman Rebecca Uschmann (22) reaches out to catch the ball.

to second went to third on a groundout. Danielle Stratton lined one to center that was dropping fast. The speedy Cassidy Fournier got there and caught it just before it hit the ground, tumbling in the process. That would have made it a one-run game.

The Pacers took advantage of their good fortune and got two more. Cassidy hit a cue shot over a drawn in third baseman for a hit. Kylie Ratelle forced her at second. Then Raven Fournier hit a rocket to left and wound up at third with a triple. She scored on a Denault single and it was 4-0.

Rachel Lapanese led off the sixth reaching on an error. Marcotte hit a low line drive that appeared as though it was going to get by Harris, but the second baseman rolled to her right and somehow stabbed the ball in the air. Moccio then singled, just the fourth hit allowed by Meunier and Sasser made his move. Popowich did the rest.

In the Chicopee sixth, Katherine Setter-

strom opened the inning with a double and went to third on a ground out. Wheeler then struck out the next two batters for her 10th on the day.

It was 1-2-3 for Popowich with a pop out and two strikeouts, swinging.

The Brownies had their chances, but some clutch pitching great defensive plays did them in Uschmann have two of Agawam's four hits.

The Brownies played two other games this week and won them both with Wheeler throwing a pair of shutouts. She one hit Chicopee Comp in a 12-0 victory. Marcotte and Uschmann both had three hits. Uschmann knocked in two. It was a three-hitter in the Brownies 2-0 win over Belchertown. Marcotte and Stratton each had two hits.

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make a huge block for the Brownies. Up 14-12 now, the same two players took the opportunity to down a ball that came near the net, and blocked again for the victory, sending the home crowd into a frenzy.

The Brownies are physically unbeaten this season and have gone to a fourth game just twice this year. Comp took Agawam to the limit, and did so by looking very strong in the first game of the match.

Comp built a huge lead thanks to some great play by Sean Buxton and Josiah Douglas. Agawam trailed throughout much of the first game, but did make a comeback near the end. However, the gap was just too much and Comp won the first game 25-21.

In the second game of the match. Agawam and Comp would stay close, with Agawam taking a lead very late in the set, going up 19-17. Agawam would go on to win six of the next seven points, ending with kills by Robidoux and Cassidy.

Agawam would trail throughout the third game, but tied the score late 18-18. From there, Agawam would go on to win seven of eight points to win 25-19.

The Brownies appeared they were going to close out Comp in the fourth game, leading throughout much of the first half of the game. They had an 11-6 lead, but Comp was able to make their way back and won 25-23, forcing the fifth game.

Agawam played excellent when they were getting consistent play from their front line players. Robidoux, Cassidy, and Bailey Cecchi all had excellent games. Robidoux spikes were on display as his height allowed him to pull of some very sharp downward hits.

Goggin also scored some much needed points, utilizing a different strategy. He mixed things up by sending light sets to the other instead of setting up a spike play. The change-up play kept Comp off-balance some of the time.

Agawam improved to 13-2 for the regular season. They will next play Thursday against Westfield at 5 p.m.



Chenevert takes second at All Around

AGAWAM - Congratulations goes out to Ruby Chenevert who is a member of Daggett's Gymnastics Xcel Gold team who has placed second All Around in the Ma State Cup Championships that was held in North Andover recently.

She has been selected to move on to the 2014 USA Gymnastics XCEL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS the weekend of May 31-June 1 being held in Shrewsbury.

Chenevert, along with her fellow team members, have committed themselves to many hours and years of dedication in the Daggett's Xcel gymnastics program. She also understands how much work and effort it is to keep an important balance between gymnastics along with a full-time academic workload.

Chenevert has shown over the years that she is capable of keeping up with this routine by consistently scoring good grades by making the honor roll each semester at the Agawam Roberta G. Doering Middle School for the past two years.

If you were to ask Chenevert the question if she thought it was a lot of work balancing gymnastics and keeping up with her academic school work she would probably tell you that she is "just having fun."



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Ruby Chenevert placed second at the All Around Championships.

Legion baseball program continues to grow

Former players continue to give back to program

AGAWAM - In 2009 Agawam did not field an American Legion Baseball team. Post 185 was out of the league as last minute efforts to restore the program were too late. In 2010 the program came back largely from the efforts of team manager Lynn Szatrowski and coach Brian Regnier.

The 2010 season was difficult as the team had a hard time fielding players and the baseball was tough at times. 2011 the program started to show some life and in 2012 some younger players came in and helped the program solidify strong numbers and a competitive squad. 2013 saw the program cement itself into the future of Agawam Baseball now and for years to come.

Post 185 for the second year will be fielding an American Legion Senior and Jr Program and for the second straight year former players are coming back to coach.

Last season the program had 2011 graduates Kyle Szatrowski and Chris Colliti return to coach the Jr program. Both coaches have moved on as their post college lives continue to grow. This year the program is happy to announce that three former players are back to contribute and coach in the program. Joe Viens, a three-year legion player and 2013 AHS graduate will be returning as assistant coach on the Senior team and Brian Piquette and Adam Brown, both 2010 graduates of AHS will be coming back to coach the Junior team with Piquette stepping in as head coach.

Robert DeCosmo, a 2011 graduate from Cathedral will return for his second season as Senior team pitching coach. Piquette, Brown, and DeCosmo were part of coach Regnier's first Dirt Dog bunch from 1999-2007 and Joe Viens a legion player for coach Regnier from 2011-2013.

Coach Regnier said: "Its great great feeling to see former players give back and contribute. It's great for the kids to have younger, non-parent influence on the bench. Brian, Adam, Robert, and Joe are all really good kids. They know the game, they played it right from the time they were kids to now. They will be good role models and will emphasize a team first approach to coaching these kids." Regnier continued to say," This program is about playing as a team, understanding your role, and respecting your teammates and the game. The quality of baseball is excellent and it's a great league for developing high school and collegiate talent."

The Legion program will be starting games the weekend of June 7. The program has been having tryouts and accepted registrations over the past month.

The program is entirely dependent on private funds and sponsorships to fund the two teams. Stellato Brothers Landscaping of Agawam has returned as main sponsor for the second straight year. Please see the Post 185 web site, www.agawamlegion.com for schedules, tryout dates, and team updates.

Obituaries & Church News

NOTICES & SERVICES

Bogue, Arthur H., Jr. Died May 5, 2014 Funeral May 9, 2014 Agawam Funeral Home

Byrne, Francis M. Died May 5, 2014 Funeral May 10, 2014 Agawam Funeral Home

Capitanio, Carolyn M. Died May 8, 2014 Funeral May 13, 2014 Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home Agawam

Drewnowski, Dorothy Died May 7, 2014 Funeral May 13, 2014 Curran Jones Funeral Home Agawam

Wright, Loretta I. Died May 5, 2014 Funeral May 8, 2014 Agawam Funeral Home



Dorothy H. Drewnowski 1929 - 2014

Dorothy (Hayes) Drewnowski, 84, of The Villages, Fla., died Wednesday May 7, 2014, at The Villages Regional Hospital. She was

born in Hartford, Conn., on June 4, 1929, the daughter of the late James and Cecelia Hayes, before becoming a resident of Agawam for 60 years, then moving to Florida in 2008. She was the widow of Henry

A. Drewnowski, Sr., who retired from the Agawam Police Department after 30 years of service and died in 1986. Dorothy is survived by three sons, Henry Drewnowski, Jr., and his wife Sandy of The Villages, Fla.; Michael Drewnowski and his wife Donna of Feeding Hills; and Stephen Drewnowski and

Agawam Congregational

celebrates Confirmation

Agawam Congregational Church celebrated the

sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 4. Confirmands and sponsors included Sydney Cofer and sponsor Cathy Timms; Alexandra Dotiwalla and sponsor

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Wieners; Bella Hastings and sponsor Betsy McMullin;

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his wife Michelle of Dixon, Calif.; five grandchildren, Bryan, Brett, Alyssa, Amber, and Leah; three great-grandchildren, Seth, Alexa, and Amelia; and a sister, Mary Twarkins of Pensacola, Fla. She was predeceased by her siblings, Cecelia Darcy and Helen Powers. Dorothy was very active in Agawam as a

board member of the senior center and Community Preservation Committees; a member of the Polish American Woman's Auxiliary and Gridiron Moms, and Oak Ridge Country

Club. Calling hours were held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, 745 Cooper Street, Agawam and funeral services were held May 13 at Curran-Jones. Burial was at the Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Donations may be made to St Jude's Hospital at www.stjude.org.

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Bethany Assembly of God will hold its 110th Anniversary Celebration Wednesday, May 21, through Sunday, May 25. Former senior pastors Rev. David W. Flower, Rev. Edward B. Berkey, Dr. George D. Cope and Dr. Howard S. Ryan will join in the celebration.

A banquet will be held Friday, May 23, at Chez Josef with appetizers at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The general superintendent for the Assemblies of God, Dr. George O. Wood, is the guest speaker. To purchase tickets for the banquet, visit www. bethany-ag.org or call Bethany during office hours at (413) 789-2930.

Bethany's roots go back to the year 1904-05 when Mabel Weaver, a strong woman of faith, built the interdenominational Peace Chapel at the corner of Springfield and Armory streets in Springfield. Rev. A. B. Simpson, founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, dedicated it to the Lord's work. This early heritage destined the influence of the church around the world.

In 1919, the Bethany Fellowship Chapel,

as it was then named, became affiliated with the New England District of the Assemblies of God. There was a succession of preachers who ministered in the "Chapel" in those early years.

In 1924, the church became incorporated under the name of Bethany Pentecostal Church and in 1954, the church changed its name to Bethany Assembly of God to conform to the denominational name.

On May 12, 1976, the congregation overwhelmingly voted to purchase the 51 acres where Bethany is now located. Ground was broken Nov. 8, 1980, and the cornerstone was laid Nov. 6, 1982. The first service was held Easter Sunday, April 3, 1983, and it was dedicated May 29, 1983.

Continued growth required a second building project at the present site. The facility focuses on the needs of youth and children, providing them with an auditorium, nursery and classrooms. Ground was broken on March 16, 1997, and the addition was dedicated Easter Sunday, April 12, 1998.



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Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam will hold its 110-year anniversary celebration May 21-25.

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67. Greek goddess of discord

68. Dunce cap shaped 69. El ___, Texas town

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48. Word element

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52. Book jacket notice

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Status - Gablach

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66. Greenish blue

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45. Dip lightly into

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test 6. Orderly

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explosive device

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51. Civil Rights group 52. Hillside

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33. Laud

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43. Heat unit

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sign

54. Grapefruit and tangerine

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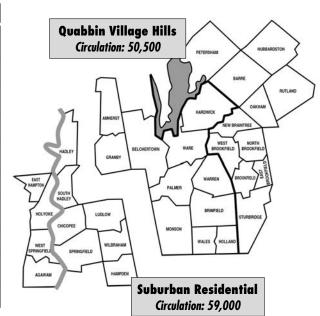


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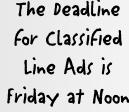
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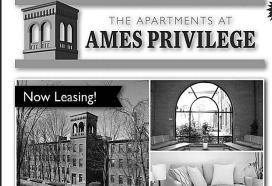
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Saturday, May 17

THE ANNUAL PLANT SALE OF THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, rain or shine. Hundreds of perennial and some annual plants will be available, with prices from \$2 to \$4 depending on the size and rarity.

THE NEW VALLEY SINGERS will present "An American Songbook" at 3 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. It is directed by Anita Anderson Cooper with the New Valley Singers Band and will feature some of the most popular American songs of the day. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

THE 35TH ANNUAL LONG MED-DOWE DAYS will take place today and tomorrow on the Town Green in Longmeadow. There will be food, music, continuous entertainment and a parade along with some of the best artists and crafters in all of New England. The parade will begin Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

A CRAFT FAIR, PLANT AND BAKE SALE will take place on the green at the 1st Congregational Church "on the rotary" in East Longmeadow from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. In the event of rain it will be held inside.

A FREE BIRDWALK will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Notch Visitor Center, Mt. Holyoke Range State Park, 1500 West St. (Route 116), Amherst. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Mt. Holyoke Range. For more information, call (413) 253-6443.

THE NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER will take to the streets for a day of public performances and festivities from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The downtown area will be filled with musicians of all ages playing a wide variety of instruments and musical styles. Free and open to the public. All ages welcome.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY will be offered a free ride at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round as a token of appreciation. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

THE PASCOMMUCK CONSERVATION TRUST will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to noon in the Big E Foodland in Easthampton parking lot. Plants for sale will include perennials, ornamental grasses, trees, shrubs, and more. Plant donations will be accepted at 8 a.m.

Sunday, May 18

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome on the "hill" for a good breakfast and good fellowship. For more information, call (413) 786-2445 or email office@hopechurchagawam.org.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Pat McCarthy, D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts, highlighting "American Scene Artists: The New Woman in the Neighborhood." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A small auction will take place and refreshments will be available. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 596-9871.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND will hold "Neighbor Day." When a full-priced ticket is purchased, your neighbor will be treated to a half-price ticket. Heritage State Park is a great place to bring the family and there are plenty of picnic spots available to enjoy the day. For more information, visit www.holyokemerrygoround. org or call (413) 538-9838.

Monday, May 19

AUTHOR BENJAMIN BOONE will visit the Agawam Public Library to present his book, "Minority of Mind" at 7 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing at these events. Call the library at 789-1550 ext, 4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Tuesday, May 20

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("Saving Mr. Banks") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

Thursday, May 22

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Miles Morgan: Man & Myth" featuring Frances Gagnon, Springfield historian, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive Friday, May 23 from noon to 6 p.m., at the Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St. Donors have the chance to win two Boston Red Sox tickets and to be honored at Fenway Park as the "Blood Donor of the Game!" To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

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In its effort to help families "stay healthy this summer," the Agawam Family & Community Program funded new Discovery Kits at the Agawam Public Library. From left, Rose Dupre, Cynthia Sutter, Shelby Hall-Gibbons from Let's Move, Susan Peoples and Michelle Connery.

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Friday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC – THE BAND A THON will take place Saturday, May 24, from noon - 6 p.m. at the Polish American Club located at 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills and will feature current Agawam music and band students from elementary level to the award winning AHS Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band. For tickets, contact Jodi Algerston at (413) 386-5291 or msjodia@aol.com. For more information, visit agawambandathon.tumblr.

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA is offered at the Agawam Public Library Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. It is a beginner's class and open to adults 18 and over. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. No registration needed.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL "LACE'EM UP FOR LEXI" 5K RUN/WALK will be held Saturday, May 31 at the Agawam Junior High School in memory of Lexi Jagodowski to benefit Griffin's Friends Children's Cancer Fund. There will be a bounce house, music and post race refreshments. Applications and information are available at www. Lexi96.org and at the Agawam Public Library.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held Sunday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids un-

der 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB will host its third Annual Spring Festival, Saturday, June 7 at the Polish American Club, 130 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Special guest will be Gary Landgren on the "honky tonk piano" at 1 p.m. Events will include live music, food, crafts and vendors and children's activities.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND THE MEN'S SINGING SECTION of the Spring-field Turnverein, located at 60 North West-field St., Feeding Hills, will host "German Night," Saturday, June 7. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and dancing. Reservations are required by June 4 and may be made by calling Wilma Gillan at (413) 786-4671.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, which is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., will have the 2013 Boston Red Sox World Series Trophy on display Saturday, June 7 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, June 11 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

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Registration open for 'Lace 'Em Up For Lexi'

The sixth Annual "Lace 'Em Up for Lexi" walk/run will take place Saturday, May 31, at Agawam Junior High School. This event will raise money for the Griffin's Friends Children's Cancer Fund, "bringing moments of joy to courageous kids."

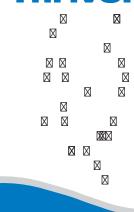
The run/walk is in memory of Alexandra "Lexi" Annette Jagodowski, who was a recipient of Griffin's Friends donations from October 2003 until she passed away Sept. 16, 2008, just six days after her 12th birthday. During that time, Lexi and her family enjoyed many opportunities to share moments of family fun together through gifts, shows, trips and parties courtesy of Griffin's Friends, which is based at Baystate Medical Center. These distractions from chemotherapy and medical procedures were true blessings during her five-year battle with cancer.

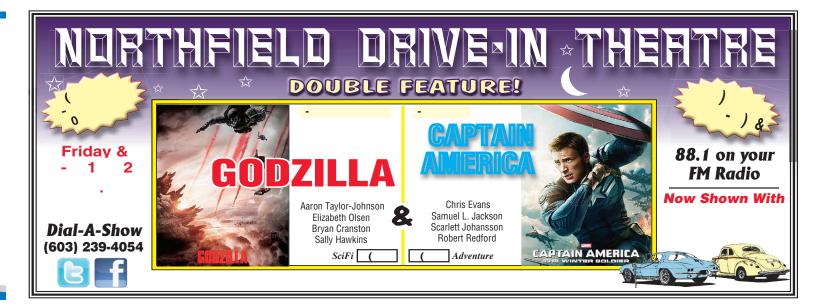
The run/walk will start with registration from 7:30-8:45 a.m. at which time the kids' races for 10 and under will take place, followed by the main event at 9:15 a.m. Runners and walkers will begin and end at the Agawam Junior High School, where there will be some post-race refreshments, music and a bounce house. There will be awards for winning runners and the first 100 applicants are guaranteed a wicking T-shirt.

For more information, visit the Facebook page, "Lace 'Em Up For Lexi." Registration forms can be found at the Agawam Public Library or online at "Lexi96.org."



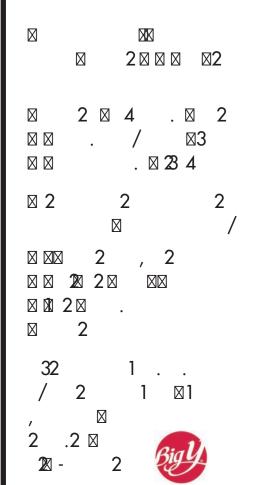
"Lace 'Em Up For Lexi" run/walk posters were created by Agawam Junior High School students in preparation for the event scheduled for May 31. From left, Ricky Jagodowski, Liz Milliken, Christina Jagodowski, Joseph Jagodowski, Allison Leonard and Vanni Morello.





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